

Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving a device driver file and a first portion of network-specific data
from a station by a host computing device, the network-specific
data comprising data for setting a network access level for the
station;
installing at said host computing device a device driver that is represented
by said device driver file; and
transmitting a data block into a shared-communications medium that
constitutes a network, wherein said host computing device
generates said data block and wherein said host computing device
uses said device driver to transfer said data block to said station;
wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines said
network.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying said
first portion of network-specific data at said host computing device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising reading an AutoRun file and executing a Setup file, wherein said AutoRun file and said Setup file are stored on said station and wherein said Setup file is for installing said device driver at said host computing device.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said device driver file is stored at said station in one of a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory, and a magnetic disk memory.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said network-specific data define a security configuration and a network configuration.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said security configuration comprises encryption-related and authentication-related parameters, and wherein said network configuration comprises a network identifier.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said network identifier is an IEEE 802.11 basic service set identifier.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a second portion of network-specific data resides at said station and is unreadable by said host computing device.

9. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
- a memory for storing a device driver file and a first portion of network-specific data, the network-specific data comprising data for setting a network access level for the apparatus;
 - a host interface for transferring said device driver file and said first portion of network-specific data to a host computing device; and
 - a transmitter for transmitting a data block into a shared-communications medium that constitutes a network, wherein said data block is received from said host computing device using a device driver that is that is represented by said driver file;
- wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines said network.
10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said network-specific data define a security configuration and a network configuration.
11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said security configuration comprises encryption-related and authentication-related parameters, and wherein said network configuration comprises a network identifier.
12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said network identifier is an IEEE 802.11 basic service set identifier.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein a second portion of network-specific data resides at said station and is unreadable by said host computing device.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a host computing device for:

- 1) installing said device driver;
- 2) generating said data block; and
- 3) displaying said first portion of network-specific data.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said memory is also for storing an AutoRun file and a Setup file.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said memory comprises one of a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory, and a magnetic disk memory.

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a transceiver for:

- 1) receiving a device driver file and a first portion of network-specific data to a host computing device, the network-specific data comprising data for setting a network access level for the apparatus; and
- 2) transmitting a data block into a shared-communications medium that constitutes a network; and a

host computing device for:

- 1) installing a device driver that is represented by said device driver file;
- 2) generating said data block; and
- 3) using said device driver to transfer said data block to said transceiver, wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines said network.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said host computing device is also for displaying said first portion of network-specific data.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said host computing device is also for:

- 1) reading an AutoRun file; and
- 2) executing a Setup file; wherein said AutoRun file and said Setup file are stored at said station and wherein said Setup file is for installing said device driver at said host computing device.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said transceiver is also for storing said device driver file in one of a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory, and a magnetic disk memory.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said network-specific data define a security configuration and a network configuration.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said security configuration comprises encryption-related and authentication-related parameters, and wherein said network configuration comprises a network identifier.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said network identifier is an IEEE 802.11 basic service set identifier.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein a second portion of network-specific data resides at said transceiver and is unreadable by said host computing device.

25. (New) A system comprising:

means for receiving a device driver file and a first portion of network-

specific data from a station, the network-specific data comprising

data for setting a network access level for the station;

means for installing at said means for receiving a device driver that is

represented by said device driver file; and

means for transmitting a data block into a shared-communications

medium that constitutes a network, wherein said means for

receiving generates said data block and wherein said means for

receiving uses said device driver to transfer said data block to said

station; wherein said first portion of network-specific data defines

said network.

26. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising means for displaying said first portion of network-specific data at said means for receiving.

27. (New) The system of claim 25, further comprising means for reading an AutoRun file and for executing a Setup file, wherein said AutoRun file and said Setup file are stored on said station and wherein said Setup file is for installing said device driver at said means for receiving.

28. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said device driver file is stored at said station in one of a flash memory, a read-only memory, a programmable read-only memory, and a magnetic disk memory.

29. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein said network-specific data define a security configuration and a network configuration.

30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein said security configuration comprises encryption-related and authentication-related parameters, and wherein said network configuration comprises a network identifier.

31. (New) The system of claim 30, wherein said network identifier is an IEEE 802.11 basic service set identifier.

32. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein a second portion of network-specific data resides at said station and is unreadable by said means for receiving.